Statement

Rates of minimum wages in the Scheduled Employment of "Tea Plantation" in various States/Union Territories as on 1.1.99

SI. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territories	Range of Minimum rates of Wages (Rs. per day)
1.	Assam	28.35 - 61.52
2.	Bihar	51.01 - 52.31
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	38.00 - 55.00
4.	Daman & Diu	60.00 - 80.00
5.	Himachal Pradesh	36.00
6.	Karnataka	50.78
7.	Kerala	62.33
8.	Nagaland	25.00
9.	Tamil Nadu	45.65 - 47.90
10.	Tripura	20.63
11.	Uttar Pradesh	42.02*

*as on 1997

Periodical review of wages

827. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken or proposed to take to enforce uniform rate of wages and periodical review of wages in respect of labour/unorganized labour in rural areas; and

(b) when was the wage revised last in Orissa and State-wise rate of wages prescribed for rural labour as on 31st December, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Central Government has been issuing guidelines/instructions from time to time to all the State/UT Governments for reducing the disparities in minimum wages in different States/regions. There are

Six Regional Advisory Committees (renames as Regional Labour Ministers' Conference) working for bringing uniformity in fixing/ revising minimum rates of wages. At. national levels, a floor level minimum wage of Rs. 45/- per day has been fixed and all States have been asked to ensure minimum wages not below this level in any scheduled employment.

(b) In Orissa minimum wages for rural based Industry/Scheduled Employments were last revised with effect from 1.5.1999. A statement indicating State-wise minimum wages as on 1.1.1999 (latest available) for unskilled workers is enclosed.

Statement

Minimum Rates of Wages for the Unskilled Workers

(As on 1.1.99)

State/UT	Range of minimum wages (Per day)
1. Haryana	Rs. 70.12 to Rs. 73.12
2. Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 26.00 to Rs. 45.75
3. Jammu and Kashmir	Rs. 30.00
4. Punjab	Rs. 54.07 to Rs. 60.96
S. Rajasthan	Rs. 32.00 to Rs. 44.00
6. Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 42.02 to Rs. 64.21
7. Delhi	Rs. 90.30
8. Chandigarh	Rs. 52.09 to Rs. 71.93
9. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Rs. 38.00 to Rs. 44.00
10. Daman and Diu	Rs. 50.00 to Rs. 60.00
11. Goa	Rs. 21.00 to Rs. 125.00

State/U.T	Range of Minimum wages (Per day)
12. Gujarat	Rs. 34.00 to Rs. 92.40
13. Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 49.46 to Rs. 56.46
14. Maharashtra	Rs. 42.46 to Rs. 85.92
15. Bihar	Rs. 38.61 to Rs. 51.00
16. Orissa	Rs. 42.50
17. West Bengal	Rs. 36.55 to Rs. 79.99
18. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Rs. 50.00 to Rs. 86.76
19. Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 35.60 to Rs. 37.60
20. Assam	Rs. 32.80 to Rs. 55.80
21. Manipur	Rs. 44.65 (for Vally) Rs. 55.00 (for Hill areas)
22. Meghalaya	Rs. 50.00
23. Mizoram	Rs. 70.00
24. Nagaland	Rs. 25.00
25. Tripura	Rs. 20.63 to Rs. 45.00

State/U.T	Range of minimum wages (Per day)
26. Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 27.00 to Rs. 63.19
27. Karnataka	Rs. 26.00 to Rs. 68.38
28. Kerala	Rs. 30.00 to Rs. 164.77
29. Tamil Nadu	Rs. 35.57 to Rs. 88.73
30. Pondicherry	Rs. 19.25 to Rs. 65.00 p.d.
31. Lakshadweep	Rs. 45.00
Central Sphere	Rs. 46.22 to Rs. 84.12

Fund Reserves in ESIC

828. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total funds in reserve held by ESIC;

(b) whether it is a fact that adequate return are not being obtained by ESIC;

(c) whether any alternatives are being examined to get the best returns for funds of ESIC;

(d) what are the general policies for investments made by ESIC; and

(e) steps proposed to improve yield of ESIC investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) As on 31.3.99 an amount of Rs. 4810.03 Crore was held by the ESIC invarious reserve funds.

(b) to (e) Under rule 27 of the ESI (Central) Rules, 1950, all monies belonging to the ESI Fund and not immediately required for expenses are required to be invested in Government securities, or in securities mentioned in Section 20 of-the Indian Trusts Act or as